

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-13 and 18-24 are pending, with Claims 1-6 cancelled and Claims 18-24 added by the present amendment. In the Official Action, Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101; and Claims 7-13 were allowed. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101, the specification is amended, Claims 1-6 are replaced with Claims 18-24 to recite that the invention is a computer program stored on a computer readable medium comprising instructions configured to cause a computer-based device to execute the method recited in allowed Claims 7-13. Support for this amendment is found at least in Applicants' Figure 1. No new matter is added.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the telephone discussion between the Examiner and Applicants' representative on August 17, 2007. During the telephone discussion, the Examiner acknowledged that Applicants' proposed amendment to the claims and specification introduced no new matter.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

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